Freight computerisation programme

34. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the freight computerisation programme;

(b) in what manner this programme is planned to be executed; and

(c) what improvements are expected in performance of freight traffic as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Freight computerisation programme on Indian Railways envisages setting up of an Information and Control System to capture the status and movements of wagons and locomotives, with a view to monitoring them on real-time.

(b) The scheme will be introduced in a phased manner. Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS), a Society set up by the Ministry of Railways, will be responsible for the design development and implementation of the scheme.

(c) The system will help the management in planning, monitoring, and reviewing Freight Operations with a view to improving the utilisation of wagons and locomotives. This will also lead to better customer satisfaction by way of more efficient and reliable freight services.

Restoration of D.T.C. buses upto block 27 of Trilok Puri

35. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the D.T.C. buses were earlier plying upto block No. 27 of Trilok Puri in Trans Yamuna area;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these buses are now plying only upto block No. 13;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when these buses are likely to be plied again upto block No. 27 of Trilok Puri?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Sewer work on the road connecting Block No. 13 with Block No. 27 is still in progress and therefore the operation of buses has to be suspended till the above portion becomes motorable.

Subway link between Madras airport and Trisulam railway station

36. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coordination meeting of the three Ministries has given the green signal to start work on the subway to link Madras Airport to Trisulam Railway Station;

(b) whether this subway will provide walking plotforms in motion such as escalators; and

(c) what is the tentative cost of the subway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The Traffic Action Committee of Tamil Nadu Government has suggested construction of a separate lane for the traffic flowing from Madras city to the New Domestic Air Terminal, since the present flow involves right turning movement. The proposed separate lane starts from Ch: 1723m of NH 45 beyond Meenambakkam, the total length being 300m. The first 211.50m portion will be on down ramp of slope 1 in 30. A vertical clearance of 5.0m is provided at the